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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents, Charter Holders and School Principals

FROM: Dr. Ildiko Laczko-Kerr, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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SUBJECT: AZ LEARNS/NLCB Accountability Workshops
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The Research and Evaluation (R&E) section has scheduled countywide accountability workshops starting in May. Workshop dates are scheduled throughout the state during May and June in order to provide schools and districts timely information that will be needed to navigate through the state's accountability requirements. As you may recall, ADE staff provided similar workshops across the state last year in order to provide schools and districts/LEAs updated information about the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Adequate Yearly Progress determinations (AYP) and AZ LEARNS Achievement Profiles.

Research and Evaluation (R&E) has developed new materials, updated existing materials and prepared an informative workshop designed to give Superintendents, Principals and staff detailed information about AZ LEARNS and NCLB accountability requirements. Specifically, the workshops will provide an overview of NCLB and AZ LEARNS accountability requirements; provide step-by-step information about calculating AYP and the Achievement Profiles; address upcoming data verification timelines; and the AZ LEARNS and NCLB appeals processes.

R&E has developed online registration to assist schools and districts during the registration process, which can be accessed at the following address <http://www.ade.az.gov/online/registration/>. The registration page will contain up-to-date information about the workshops, including dates and locations. I recommend that each school or district bring a team to attend these workshops; ideally staff responsible for data verification should be present. An informational flyer explaining the highlights of these workshops is attached for your convenience. Please register early, as space is limited.

If you have any questions about the workshops or have difficulty registering online, please feel free to contact my office at 602-542-5151 or by emailing achieve@ade.az.gov. We hope that the information provided in these workshops will be of great benefit to you and your staff as we enter into a new year of school accountability.